

Like all of the proposals to revise the Morse Code requirement for Amateur licensing, this proposal has some merit. "Do Nothing" is always an option. However, the international requirements for morse code proficiency have been eliminated, and it's time for the US to bring our requirements more in line with the rest of the world.

I do not support the adoption of this proposal. I do not support the TOTAL elimination of morse code proficiency testing for access to all HF bands. Furthermore, I think that rather than amending the testing/licensing requirements piecemeal, it is better to make the changes in concert with a broader revision of the rules governing the Amateur Service. By doing this, the FCC could accomplish both substantive and housekeeping changes in a single rulemaking, at a great cost saving to the taxpayer.